

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the suggestion of a new title (which has been adopted), and the detailed explanation of the action on the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests a reconsideration of the rejection of elected claims 1 - 17.

The references are respectfully submitted to be so unrelated in their purposes that one of ordinary skill in the art would not arrive at the combinations thereof proposed in the Official Action.

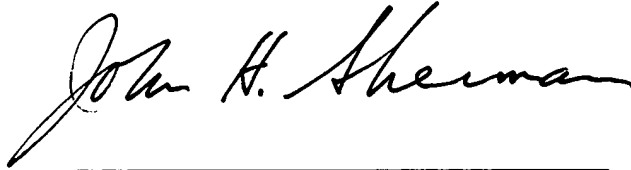
To one of ordinary skill in the art, the purpose of the disclosure of Lynn et al, USP 5,745,699 is to maintain connectivity of wireless nodes so that the resources of the network remain as consistently accessible to all nodes as is feasible. It would not occur to one of ordinary skill in the art to further complicate an already complicated system, and to move in a direction contrary to the basic purpose of Lynn et al, to accommodate a fragmented system where most network resources would no longer be available to network fragments.

The Ramanathan USP 5,850,592 also has the purpose of maintaining connectivity between all nodes, and again one of ordinary skill in the art would not conceive of adding to such an already complex system, a provision for fragmenting the system, contrary to the purpose of access to network resources which would be foremost in the thinking of one of ordinary skill in the art.

CONCLUSION

An earnest effort has been made to point out that one of ordinary skill in the art would not arrive at the reconstructions of the Lynn et al reference as kindly explained in detail in the Official Action, and accordingly, a favorable reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1 - 17 is courteously solicited.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John H. Sherman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Enclosure: Petition for a Three - Month
Extension of Time